

## Australia's Location, Climate, Population Density, and Natural Resources

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**Directions:** Use the maps on pages 8 -9 and 88 – 93 in the red atlas to complete the questions below.

**Location:**

1. Is Australia located north (above) or south (below) of the equator? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the capital city of Australia? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many states does Australia have? \_\_\_\_\_
4. List some of the major countries that are near Australia. For example, New Zealand.

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5. How far is Australia from Singapore? \_\_\_\_\_ Tokyo, Japan? \_\_\_\_\_

6. List at one major advantage that Australia has that impacts its ability to trade with other countries.

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**Climate:**

1. On average, how much annual rainfall does Australia's interior receive? \_\_\_\_\_
2. On average, how much annual rainfall does Australia's coast receive? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What types of natural vegetation (plants and trees) grow within Australia's interior?

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4. What types of natural vegetation (plants and trees) grow along Australia's coast?

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5. Much of Australia has a typical growing season of 10 -12 months. Consider where much of the land in the 10 – 12 month growing season is located. Do you think much of this land is used to grow agriculture? Why or why not? (Hint: Look back at the annual rainfall and population maps)

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**Population Density:**

1. What percentage of Australian's live in the city or urban areas? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What percentage of Australian's live outside of the city in rural areas? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are the most populated cities in Australia? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where are the most populated cities in Australia located? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why do you think they are located there? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Natural Resources:**

1. How is most of the land in Australia used? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where are the major manufacturing and trade centers located?  
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3. Why do you think the manufacturing and trade centers are located where they are located?

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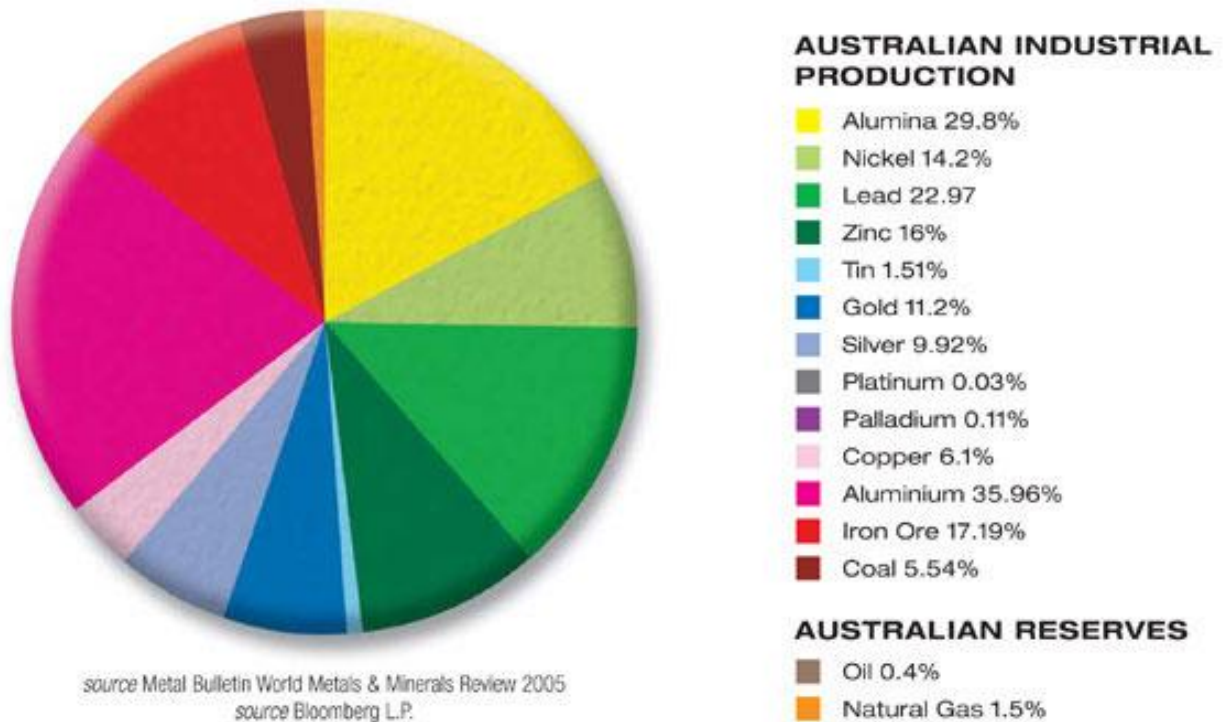
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4. Using the graphic below. List some of the natural resources available to Australians.

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**Review:** Review what you have learned about Australia's location, climate, natural resources, population density, and physical features (Ayers Rock, Coral Sea, Great Barrier Reef, and Great Victoria Desert) to complete the "Moving to Australia?" assignment in your packet.